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United States General Accounting Office Attention: Hugh Pollon Room B-242 General Services Administration Building 18th and F Streets, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20405

Dear Mr. Pollon:

In response to Mr. James G. Mitchell's request of May 6, 1985, I have enclosed completed forms which identify the Director and Deputy Director of the Central Intelligence Agency as government officials who are provided official government transportation between their residences and places of employment. I have also enclosed a letter previously addressed to Senator William Proxmire which provides specific information on the application of our statutory authority in this matter.

Sincerely,

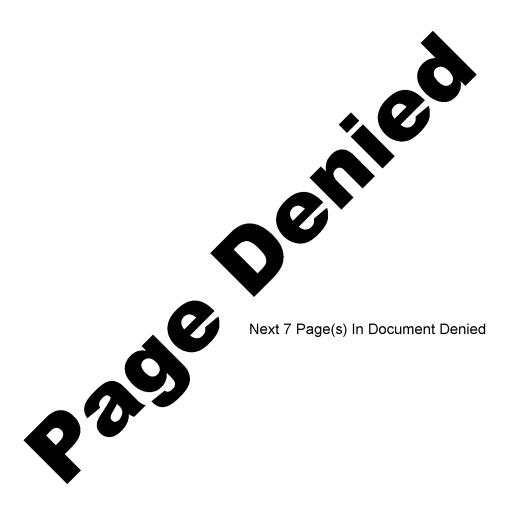
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Enclosures

- 1. Forms
- 2. Proxmire Memo

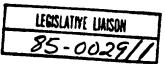
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The Honorable William Proxmire United States Senate Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Proxmire:

This is in response to your letter of 2 January 1985 regarding use of government vehicles.

Section 8 of the CIA Act of 1949, as amended (50 U.S.C. 403j), provides "notwithstanding any other provisions of law, sums made available to the Agency by appropriation or otherwise may be expended for purposes necessary to carry out its functions, including . . . transportation of officers and employees of the Agency in Government-owned automotive equipment between their domiciles and places of employment, where such personnel are engaged in work which makes such transportation necessary " In the United States, regular chauffeured home-to-office transportation is provided to the Director and Deputy Director of Central Intelligence. The Agency's unique responsibilities to protect these individuals from threats to their personal safety and to safeguard classified documents in their possession is supported by that practice. This information was provided to the General Accounting Office on 2 February 1983 (a copy of that letter to Mr. Frank C. Conahan is enclosed) in response to its request and was published in its report to Congress dated 28 February 1983. The Agency has not received any communications reflecting disagreement with this policy.

The Agency's separate authority is applied pursuant to Agency regulations for the use of Government-owned vehicles. Those regulations specify that the Deputy Director for Administration has authority to approve the use of Agency vehicles as situations warrant.

Enclosed is a copy of our Headquarters Notice on this subject which is to be published next week. We believe that the policy set forth in this Notice is in general compliance with the June 3, 1983 Comptroller General decision.

I trust this information fulfills the requirements of your request.

Sincerely,

/s/Charles A. Briggs

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Director, Office of Legislative Liaison

Enclosures:
As stated